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SUMMARY OF DAY'S NEWS

THE WEATHER.

ginia-Fair Saturday and Sunday, variable winds, becoming east.

range of temperature yesterday retty nearly the same as that on lay. The range of the thermome is actually two degrees lower, but at was almost, if not quite, as op-ter. There were retreshing breezes the Fair weather is predicted for and Sunday.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER

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RICHMOND.

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NORTH CAROLINA.

trains, dies of his injuries.

GENERAL.

Black Friday on Wall Street, and two firms are forced to the wall; James R. Reene is thought to be a heavy sufferer from the failure; market ralled mear the close, and some net gains were made by stocks, but grokers went home with/an unquiet feeling over the outlook, leading by stocks, but grokers went home with/an unquiet feeling over the outlook leading by stocks, but grokers went home with/an unquiet feeling over the outlook leading by the following the stocks have been squeezed almost to the point of burshins; day was one of great depression and excitement and apprehension. The trade of the country is better than usual at this time of the year, and that collections are more prompt than usually life of Fort Fisher dies in Necessius 1670 of House 1670 of House

STILL HAVING GOOD TIME AFTER GRAND SESSION

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(By Associated Press.)

BALTIMORE, MD., July 24.—Although
the national convention of Elks formally
closed last night with the final adjournment of the Grand Lodge, the programme
of entertainment will continue until tomorrow night. To-day large numbers of
Elks went on excursions to Gettysburg
battlefield and Pen Mar. To-night Harry
P. Feicht, of Indianapolis, delivered before-an audience of Elks an illustrated
lecture in "Oberammegau."
To-morrow'a diversions will consist of
excursions to Washington, Annapolis,
Grean City and Old Point Comfort.

DESERTED BABE IS **CLAIMED**

Waif Left in Lynchburg Hotel is Identified.

ITS GRANDMOTHER TAKES LITTLE ONE

Does Not Explain Why Parents Deserted Child.

MANY PERSONS WANTED THE BABE

Child's Parents Are Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Woodson, of Roanoke, and for a Infant Was Theirs, but Finally Admitted

it Was.

LYNCHBURG, VA., July 24 .- The pret child of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Woodson the infant took possession of it and tool

Woodson, wife of Mr. C. A. Woodson, of Roanoke, Out of a spirit of abundant caution, Mrs. Walker was required to describe the infant, and this she did without hesitation, giving a detailed and accurate description of its appearance, its clothes, and the valise which the parents had left with it.

It took Mrs. Walker a very few minutes to convince the authorities that she was telling the truth, and nothing but the truth, when she said, "I am its grand-mother."

mother."

They had been most favoraby impressed with her motherly and kindly appearance, and when she proved to them that she

ARREST OF NEGROES MAY FOLLOW SOON

Mr. Mulford Gives Mr. Shelton Valuable Information About Miss Mullan's Assailants.

Mr. Frank W. Mulford, claim agent for the Passenger and Power Company, stated yesterday that he had imparted to Hon. James L. Shelton, who, with Miss Pattie Mullan, was set upon by

Miss Pattle Mullan, was set upon by three negroes about a week ago, very important information, which he thought would lead to the arrest of the criminals. He declined to state what the nature of the information was.

Mr. Shelton has left the city. Mr. Mulford said he had not been in communication with the police. The detectives are apt to have gotten hold of the facts known by Mr. Mulford if Mr. Shelton had the opportunity before leaving to see them. No one could be found last night who would admit that he had any additional information that could be regarded as especially important. Mr. Mulford stated, however, that he knows four men who saw three negro men'very near the scene of the attack and could identify them. This is not understood to be the information to which Mr. Mulford at first referred and would not divulge.

The police stated last night that they gnew nothing new in the case.

was the grandmother, they were only too glad to turn the infant over to her. Mrs. Walker's joy and happiness at securing possession of the child were apparent. WENT TO ROANOKE.

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From Mrs. Walker's statements, the authorities learned that she had first suspected the identity of the child from what she had read in the newspapers of last Tuesday morning. Prompted by her suspicions, she said, she went to Roanoke and on finding that the child was missing, she felt confirmed in her suspicions. At first, she stated, the parents of the baby denied that the child found in Lynchburg was theirs, and explashed that their child had been taken by them to Richmond, and there turned over to a friend to be taken care of for a short on Richmond, and there turned over to a friend to be taken care of for a short while. From her account, however, Mrs. Walker was not to be satisfied with such an explanation and she said that the parents finally admitted that the Lynchburg baby was their child.

The Infant, it is said, was born on Tuesday, seven weeks ago from last Tuesday, She gave no statement to explain why the child had been deserted.

LYNCHING AVERTED

Negroes Suspected of Assault Taken to Boydton Jail.

ONE MAKES CONFESSION

Citizens of Chase City Met at Dead of Night, but Were Persuaded Not to Act Hastily-Speedy Trial Will Be Had.

CHASE CITY, VA., July 24 .- About o'clock last night many citizens were aroused and informed that one of the Warehouse. When I reached the place nen, with arms of different kinds. Some escape and the chances of acquittal on egal technicalities demanded immediate

ad character and notorious for various

After a night of excutement a prefilm-nary trial of Finch and Bacon was held early this morning, with the result that both were sent to the county jail, accom-panied by a strong guard.

They arrived safely, and the attorney for the Commonwealth promises me that they would be tried by the County Court next Monday or Tuesday.

UNDER HEAVY GUARD.

legroes Brought to Boydton by Men Armed With Winchesters.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BOYDTON, VA., July 24.—The two negro men, Anderson Finch and Dock Bacon, who were arrested yesterday at Chase City, charged with an attempt to criminally assault Mrs. C. E. Geoghegan on Wednesday night, were brought here this morning and lodged in jail. There were twelve men, armed with Winchester rifles, guarding the prisoners.

The guards tell of a very thrilling experience last night, when a lynching party of some seventy-five or a hundred men broke open the Chase City prison and took the men out. The lynching party were, however, persuaded to desist, and they allowed the officers to take charge of their men again. There was intense excliement in town when the prisoners reached here this morning, but no violence was offered, and it is believed that there is no probability of any further trouble, at least, for the present, but all precautions will be taken by the county officials.

Anderson Finch is attempting to fasten the guilt upon Dock Bacon. Since they were brought here this morning Finch told an officer that he was in an adjoining to to Mr. Geoghegan's, having gone there with Bacon, and that Bacon was the man who went in and made the attack upon the lady; that he had nothing further than that to do with it.

Bacon says that he knows nothing whatever about the matter. It is thought that Finch is trying to clear his skirts.

Commonwealth's Attorney Goode, who has been very active in trying to hunt down the guilty parties, says that a special grand jury will be summoned for to-morrow, and the case will be tried at once if the grand jury brings in a true bill against the prisoners. I was told by one of the guarde that there would be other evidence produced at the trial that has not been as yet given to the public, that will tend to fasten the guilt upon the proper man.

There has never been but one lynching in Mecklenburg, and that was of the murderers of the late Dr. Riggins, in the eastern section of the county, some fifteen years ago. The murder was a most brutal affair.

NATIVE OF VIRGINIA HANGED FOR MURDER

WASHINGTON D. C., July 24—Benjamin G. Hill, white, who killed his wife last November at their home in this city was hanged at the United States fail here to-day. Hill was a native of Virginia and a Grang Army veteran,

CAUSE OF **STRIKERS** PRESENTED

Fine Meeting at Academy in Their Interest.

SPEECHES MADE BY WELL-KNOWN MEN

Folkes and Dodge.

HEAR FROM PEOPLE, DECLARES MR. FOLKES

He Intimates that Somebody Will Be Held Responsible for Spending Money on the Military-Three More Strikers Return to Work-But Little Disorder Last Night.

After Thursday night's outbreak of wlessness at various points along the street railway lines, last night was ex-

plosions. The men now on duty are generally fearless. One motorman a whom a stone was thrown Thursday night leaped from the car and ran into the darkness, trying to detect the miscreant, and throwing the stone back in the direction whence it came.

and the balconies were likewise well filled. There were apparently no vacant seats in the main auditorium and many

were standing in the rear of the hall (Continued on Third Page.)

A BIG FORTUNE FOR B. J. WYSOR

He Sells Land in Russell for Two and a Half Million Dollars.

Mr. B. J. Wyser, of Russell county, second clerk to the Corporation Commission, has just sold 50,000 acres of coal lands in Russell to Messrs, Hall and Alexander, of Indians, for \$50 per acre. The deed was fixed up yesterday, and the transaction will be closed at once. Much of the land is said to be very valuable and would bring much more than \$50 if sold separately. It is understood that the purchasers will begin work shortly to develop the coal fields thereon.

LACK OF RAW COTTON LEADS TO SHORT TIME

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, July 24—Replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day Gerald Balfour, president of the Board of Trade, said to cotton factories in Lancashire were working on short time and 320,000 operatives were affected. This was due to the deficiency law cotton. The question of cotton factories in British Empire in the Southern States of America, was eceiving careful consideration, and the Board of Trade was prepared to give any practicable help to those interested in the matter.

BOY SLAYS STEP-FATHER WITH AN AXE

(Special to the Times Dispatch.)
BRISTOL. TENN. July 24.—A special from Johnson City announces that Joe Pickins, a sixteen year-old boy residing near there, slew his stepfather, J. M. Keaton, a farmer, with an axe. Keaton, it is claimed, had abused the boy unmercifully, and threatened his invalid mother. The boy concealed himself at the door of their home and dealt Keaton the blow when it was unexpected.

TWO FIRMS ARE FORCED **TOTHEWALL**

A Veritable Black Friday on Wall Street.

MORE HOUSES HARD SQUEEZED

Orr. Wallace. Spotswood, Board-Room Scene of Wild Excitement.

> STOCKS WERE SOLD AT UNEQUALLED PRICES

> Close, but Great Many Persons Went Home in Far from Cheerful Frame of

NEW YORK, July 24.—The announce-ment on the Stock Exchange late to-day bot J. Taylor & Company and of W. I. liquidate set in.

conditions outside the Exchange, the case lying close to a diagnosis of speculative

in the minds of some was much improved, a great many persons having interests in the "street" went home in anything but a cheerful frame of mind.

It was freely predicted that trouble even more serious was impending. From trustworthy sources it was learned that three or more commission houses had been "squeezed" almost to the bursting point.

trues worth protected almost to the bursting point.

Contracts made to-day hold over till Monday, which may enable embarrassed individuals to get their "second wind."

The Stock Exchange was crowded, as of the Monday which may enable embarrassed to whom in recent months, had been more compleuous by their about the board, but who were regular in their ering financial store, and the westerneut all day. A "tip" that sements were made was broken only by the Mill-suppressed buzz of brokers who gather erid in groups and listened intentity to the worts of the chairman perched in the worts, of the chairman perched in the worts, of the chairman perched in the worts, of the chairman perched in the worts of the worts of

Estimates of Stowe and Company liabilities range from \$1,250,000 to \$1,500

WILL WAIT AND WATCH

Japan to Pursue Policy of Great Britain.

RUSSIA NOT SEEKING WAR

Assurances Given that She Will Interpose No Objection to China Carrying Out Her Pledge to Open Manchurian Ports.

to the United States respecting Manchurla, and will endeavor to obtain the

"It is believed to be impossible from the Russian viewpoint for Japan to embark in a contest with Russia single-handed, and it is now thought she will secure the material support of Great Britain or the United States. Nevertheless, Russia is taking every precaution to strengthen her military and naval position in the Orient, believing this to be the surest means of discouraging Japanese aggression.

"M. Lessar's Port Arthur conference is said to have dealt chiefly with these measures, though they are declared to be entirely precautionary, war being the furthest thing from the wishes of the Russian government."

FIGURES WHICH ARE STARTLING

Costs Uncle Sam \$1,000 to Collect 40 Cents.

CHERRYSTONE PORT A COSTLY LUXURY

There Are Many Others Almost Equally as Bad.

RICHMOND CUSTOM RECEIPTS ARE LARGE

Aggregate Considerably More than Those of Norfolk and Portsmouth but Salaries Scem Out of All Proportion.

Washington, D. C., July 24th, 1903

o the compensation of customs officials Europe, except, possibly, Russia or Tur

port of Cherystone reasons the collector of the port of Newport News.

TRADE WITH CHINA.

It requires but very slight study of statistics showing the growth of our trade with China, in the last few years to understand why America is so deeply interested in keeping Manchuria open to our merchants. And the growth of our trade may explain the unwillingness of Russla to continue to allow the free competition of American goods in the province.

Figures obtained at the Department of Commerce to-day show that the exports to China from the United States the last fiscal year were about \$19,000,000 as against less than \$4,000,000 in 1893. The exports in 1962 were even heavier than last year, and far above those of 1901 in value, as the Boxer uprising was causing much trouble in China in the latter year, and the business of that country was at a standstill.

The figure of nineteen millions does not by any means show the total of our exports to China as a very large proportion of the exports to Hongkong so to China also. The total of American exports to Hongkong in the fiscal year just ended amounted to \$5,000,000 in 1893.

Figures compiled by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor show that in the past decade our trade with Asiatic countries has increased at a tremendous rate, faster, in fact, than with any others, save those of Africa. The growth of our trade with China has been a very important factor in the growth of our shipments to Asia. However, we are still sending more goods to Jepan than China. In the year ending June 31, 1903, the total value of our exports to Japan amounted to \$21,000,000 as against only \$3,000,000 in 1893.

A recent editorial in The Times-Dispatch commented upon the great increase in the volume of exports from this country, and cited the fact as one of the surest promises of the stability of our national prosperity. More remarkable, or significant figures could not be obtained than those quoted above.

GOVERNOR COMMENDED

"The disposition to criticise Governor Montagu